

sHs Tiger Connection

Saint Henry School

Tuesday August 19, 2008

Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

Welcome to our new families and welcome back to our seasoned families. The first week of school has been filled with the joyful sounds of the children. It seems like everyone is settling in for a good school year.

I had an opportunity to briefly visit with each class last week. I was struck by the genuine kindness and respect of our children. You only make one first impression and the children of Saint Henry have made a great one! We started the year with a reminder about the end of the year. I ask the children how they want to be remembered this school year? It is important for them to reflect on this question at the beginning of the year so they make good choices during the year to achieve their goal. A good beginning makes for a good ending!

Our school-wide theme for the year, *Strengthen One Another*, is taken from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 5:11. This theme affords us the opportunity to reflect on how we strengthen each other in our daily lives. Do we take the occasions God presents to us each day to encourage others? Our theme also reflects our desire to follow the rest of the Universal Church as it journeys through this Year of Saint Paul proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI. I pray that through our reflections on Saint Paul that we are drawn deeper into our love of Christ and as a result grow in our capacity to love others with a Christ-like heart.

In Christ,

Sister Ann Hyacinth, O.P.

Box Tops 4 Education

We are collecting boxtops again this year. This is a great way to earn cash for our school. The ever popular classroom contests will take place again. See the attached sheet for important information. Start saving your boxtops today!

Parents' Nights

The first Parent Night is for parents of students in grades Pre-Kinder-5th. We will meet in the gym on August 27th at 7 p.m. Time will be provided to visit your child's homeroom. From 6:00 to 7:00 you will have an opportunity to visit all the new areas that have been under construction this summer.

The second Parent Night is for parents of students in grades 6th-8th. The date is August 28th at 7 p.m. in the gym. From 6:00 to 7:00 you will have time to visit all the new areas that have been under construction this summer.

Thanking our Home & School Association

The Home & School Association provided each teacher with \$50 to spend in the classrooms and sponsored a coffee and luncheon for teachers during Teacher In-Service days.

They also provided a wonderful coffee to welcome parents back to the school year on the first day of school. Thank you Home and School!

Welcome New Teachers

Please welcome our new teachers to Saint Henry School:

Sister Ann Hyacinth - Principal

- Mr. Brian Knoop - 7th-8th Science
- Colleen McCarron - 6th-8th Music
- Katie Riley - Pre-Kindergarten Religion
- Susie Gilles - M/W/F Director of Pre-Kindergarten
- Stephanie Braeuner - T/Th Director of Pre-Kindergarten
- Suzanne Armbruster - Pre-Kindergarten Aide
- Susan Wesley - 1st Grade
- Katie Long - 7th Grade Literature/English
- Robyn Biga - 3rd Grade
- Gina Coode - Pre-K-4 PE
- Mary Beth Green- Art
- Julie Gild-Drama Coordinator

Boo Hoo Breakfast

The Boo Hoo Breakfast will be in the Fellowship Hall for all Kindergarten Parents. Please park up behind the school near the entrance to the Fellowship Hall.

Student Picture Days

Pictures for students in grades Pre-Kindergarten T/Th and 5-8 will be on Thursday, Sept. 18th. Pictures for students in grades Pre-Kindergarten M/W/F and K-4 will be on Monday, Sept. 22nd.

World Book Online

Saint Henry School subscribes to World Book Online Reference Center, and students and teachers may access it at home if they have internet access.

Address: www.worldbookonline.com

Username: sthenry6401

Password: tigers

Please return the following forms:

- **Emergency & Illness Information Form**

We care about your child's safety. The emergency form is an important document that will help us to protect your children and to be prepared in case of illness or injury. Please fill out the form (it was sent home through your child) and send it back to school by August 22nd. One form for each child, please.

Change of Address Form

If you change your phone numbers or address, please let us know in the office so that emergency information will always be up to date.

- **Telephone Tree Form**

The telephone tree will enable us to get in touch with all the parents in the event of an emergency. Please fill out one sheet per child and return to your child's homeroom teacher by August 22nd.

- **Press Release Form**

Please complete and return this form by August 22nd

At School Accident Insurance

Included in the fee already paid for each student is the premium for "At School Accident Insurance" which includes athletics and school activities. Parent/Guardians may purchase at their expense

supplemental accident insurance. If interested, please pick up a United Healthcare brochure in the office.

Tiger Sports

5th/6th Grade Volleyball Registration

Registration forms were sent home in Tuesday folders. Please return the completed forms to the main office by Monday, August 25th.

K thru 8th Cross Country Registration

Registration forms are attached to the Tiger Connection. Please return the completed forms to the main office by Monday, August 25th.

DIOCESAN HEALTH FORMS FOR ALL ATHLETES

Remember to have your completed health form on file in the office. Athletes cannot participate in practices/games until the form is completed. The form is available at www.nashvilledac.com.

COACHING OPPORTUNITIES

Several coaches are needed for cross country and volleyball. If you are interested in coaching, please email jdison@sthenry.org.

Football Schedules

Football schedules for 5th/6th and 7th/8th grade teams are posted at www.nashvilledac.com. Be sure to come and cheer on your school!

Nashville Catholic Swimming

Nashville Catholic Swimming is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Training begins in September. For more information, contact Brian Allen at ballen615@gmail.com or Shannon Philbin at coachshan@aol.com.

Altar Servers

Deacon Deschenes visited grades 5-8 to invite them to be altar servers. He handed out the forms that need to be filled out and returned to school. He plans to practice with the altar servers the first week of September. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to be a part of the sacred liturgy in a very special way.

All School Mass

All school mass will be this Wednesday at 8:00, all are welcome.

Monday Dismissal Time

School dismisses at 2:00 p.m. on Mondays for faculty meetings. Pick up time is 2:00-2:15. No Late Pick up Program is available on Mondays because the teachers are in meetings